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Letter dated 22 July 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 20 July 2014, from H.E. Hussain al-Shahristani, Deputy Prime Minister and acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, addressed to you regarding the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated to the Members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohamed Ali **Alhakim**
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq
to the United Nations

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[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of one year, in accordance with the relevant Security Council resolutions.

The Mission played a positive and effective role in ensuring the success of the parliamentary elections, which took place peacefully and without any incidents on 30 April 2014. On 15 July 2014, Parliament elected a Speaker and two deputies in a climate of goodwill and democracy. It is now electing a President of the Republic, after which it will form a new national Government of Iraq.

Iraq is going through a sensitive and perilous phase in its recent history. Today, it faces considerable challenges in combating terrorist groups, particularly the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant. Terrorist operations have caused over 1 million Iraqis to leave their homes and jobs in the areas controlled by the terrorist groups. Iraq urgently needs the help of UNAMI in order to provide logistical support and ensure that the displaced families can live with dignity.

Iraq again highlights the important role of the United Nations, particularly UNAMI, in providing advice, support and assistance to the Iraqi people and Government. I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Iraq would like the Mission's mandate to be extended for another year, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007). The Government of Iraq would also like the Mission to continue to provide assistance and advice, with the prior approval of the Government and in the manner referred to in my letter of 6 August 2007.

(*Signed*) Hussain **al-Shahristani**
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs